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1. MINISTRY OF MINES AND POWER HAS NOW SAID NO RPT NO ALTERNATE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME IN LIEU LOLOMARI. DEPARTMENT AND AAI ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED PROGRAM AKAN ALONE.
2. IN ADDITION ECONOMICS COURSE AT IGT IN CHICAGO, AKAN WOULD LIKE VISIT US OIL COMPANIES, ESPECIALLY INDEPENDENT CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION COMPANIES WHICH ARE EXPERIENCED IN SELLING CRUDE TO US REFINERS, BUT ALSO OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE OIL PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTION COMPANY. MAYBE AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE COULD SUGGEST APPROPRIATE COMPANIES. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED AKAN'S INTERESTS WITH LOCAL MANAGER ASHLAND OIL COMPANY WHICH WORKS WITH NNOC. IF INTERESTED IN INVITING AKAN DISTRIBUTION OPERATION IN US, ASHLAND HEADQUARTERS IN KENTUCKY MAY CONTACT HOWARD WALKER (AF/W) FOR REFERRAL TO ACTION OFFICER IN CU OR AAI.
3. ON PERSONAL BASIS, AKAN INTERESTED IN VISITING WASHINGTON, UNITED NATIONS, ASHLAND-OREGON RPT OREGON (WHERE HIS BROTHER IN UNIVERSITY STUDENTJ), AND SAN JOSE-CALIFORNIA (WHERE, SINCE HE IS ROSICRUCIAN, HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AMORC HEADQUARTERS), BUT HE REALIZES THAT ALL OF THESE CAN PROBABLY NOT BE INCLUDED.

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4. AKAN'S CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON NEED NOT BE AT HIGH LEVEL, BUT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF FEA, API, ETC. AT SOME POINT IT MIGHT BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR HIM TO MEET WITH A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FORECASTER OF US ENERGY DEMAND.

5. AKAN COULD ALSO BE EXPOSED TO PROFESSIONAL ECONOMICS ORGANIZATIONS, AND HOME HOSPITALITY AT ONE OR MORE STOPS WOULD BE APPRICIATED.

6. LASTLY, EMBASSY NOTES THAT ATLANTA WORKSHOP ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN AFRICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (REF STATE 185604) TAKING PLACE NOVEMBER 20-20 WHILE AKAN WILL BE IN US. IF POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE IN HIS ITINERARY, HE MIGHT RPT MIGHT BE WILLING PARTICIPATE, EVEN THOUGH NNOC DOES NOT RELATE DIRECTLY TO ANY OF PRODUCT AREAS SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY WORKSHOP.

7. AKAN ETA 0430 HOURS 10 NOVEMBER AT NEW YORK-JFK VIA PA-189, ETD 0825 HOURS 10 NOVEMBER VIA NW-3, ETA 1122 HOURS 10 NOVEMBER AT CHICAGO-O'HARE. EMBASSY ASSUMES AAI OR IGT WILL OBTAIN HOTEL RESERVATION AT PALMER HOUSE, AND WE WILL INSTRUCT AKAN ACCORDINGLY. ALSO ASSUME TICKET SHOULD STILL BE WRITTEN LAGOS-NEW YORK-CHICAGO-WASHINGTON-NEW YORK-LAGOS.

8. EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUIRES FISCAL DATA. PLEASE CABLE TUESDAY AT LATEST SO WE CAN PROCESS DSP-66, TICKET, ETC.

9. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED REFDEPTEL WITH OKEKE WHO IS INCLINED BE GUIDED BY IGT'S ADVICE AND RULE OUT HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE NOVEMBER 11-16 COURSE. HOWEVER, NEITHER EMBASSH NOR OKEKE HAVE YET OBTAINED DECISION FROM MINISTRY, SO MATTER OF OKEKE'S PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE. WILL ADVISE ASAP.
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